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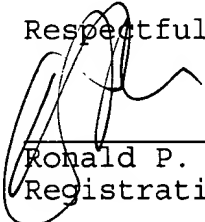
Sir:

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Respectfully submitted,

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1. Transmittal of the translation to the applicant.

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

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Applicant's or agent's file reference SK99PCT86	FOR FURTHER ACTION See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)	
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<p>1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of <u>3</u> sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).</p> <p>These annexes consist of a total of _____ sheets.</p>	
<p>3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <p>I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basis of the report</p> <p>II <input type="checkbox"/> Priority</p> <p>III <input type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability</p> <p>IV <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of unity of invention</p> <p>V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement</p> <p>VI <input type="checkbox"/> Certain documents cited</p> <p>VII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain defects in the international application</p> <p>VIII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application</p>	

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

PCT/JP99/06588

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

- ☒ the international application as originally filed
- ☐ the description:
 pages _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____
- ☐ the claims:
 pages _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, as amended (together with any statement under Article 19
 pages _____, filed with the demand
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- ☐ the drawings:
 pages _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
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- ☐ the sequence listing part of the description:
 pages _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
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2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item. These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language _____ which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
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- ☐ the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/fig _____

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

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** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	4-7,11-14	YES
	Claims	1-3,8-10	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	4-6,11-13	YES
	Claims	1-3,7-10,14	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-14	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

The subject matters of claims 1-3 and 8-10 do not appear to be novel in view of document 1 [JP, 10-149445, A (Laboratories of Image Information Science and Technology), 2 June, 1998 (02.06.98)] or document 2 [EP, 816986, A (Hitachi, Ltd.), 7 January, 1998 (07.01.98), & JP, 10-113343, A] respectively cited in the ISR.

Document 1 or 2 describes a robot that recognizes its own status with reference to the time series signals detected by a gyro sensor.

The subject matters of claims 7 and 14 do not appear to involve an inventive step in view of document 1 or 2, and document 3 [JP, 5-169378, A (Hitachi, Ltd.), 9 July, 1993 (09.07.93)] cited in the ISR.

It is considered to be easy for a person skilled in the art, to apply the constitution described in document 3 that a robot recognizes its own status based on the state of contact with the ground surface, to the robot described in document 1 or 2.

The subject matters of claims 4-6 and 11-13 appear to involve an inventive step in view of the documents cited in the ISR. The constitution that a moving section is halted in the case where the own status is the lifted state, is neither described in any of the documents cited in the ISR nor obvious to a person skilled in the art.